

REMARKS

Applicant has carefully reviewed the office communication mailed March 3, 2006. By this amendment, Applicant has amended claims 1, 2, 7, 8, 20, 26, 62, 64, 65, 67, 68, 80-82, 118 and 120; has canceled claims 12, 61 and 72 without prejudice or disclaimer of the subject matter therein; and respectfully request entry and examination of new claims 124-126, which read on the elected species corresponding to Figures 1-5. No new matter has been entered as a result of this amendment. The following remarks are respectfully submitted.

Election/Restriction

Claims 6, 13-16, 25, 27-60, 73-76, 84-117, 119 and 121-123 are withdrawn from further consideration pursuant to 37 CFR 1.142(b), as being drawn to a nonelected species.

Applicant asserts that claims 1 and 68 of Group I (Figures 1-5), provisionally elected in the response of December 12, 2005, are generic with respect to Group II (Figure 6) and Group V (Figures 11-11a), which are two other groups of the seven groups of species identified by the Examiner in the office communication of November 14, 2005. Thus, if claims 1 and 68 are allowed, Applicant will be entitled, per 37 CFR 1.141, to consideration of claim 119, which is dependent upon claim 1, and claims 121-123, which can be amended to be dependent upon claim 68, pursuant to the cancellation of claim 61 and the corresponding amendment of claim 68 to include the limitations of claim 61, as provided herein.

§112 Rejection

Claims 1-5, 7-12, 20-24, 26, 61-65, 67-72, 80-83, 118 and 120 stand rejected under 35 USC 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention. Applicant is grateful to the Examiner for pointing out the errors and ambiguities in claims 1, 7, 8, 61, 67 and 68. Applicant has cancelled claims 12, 61 and 72, without prejudice or disclaimer of the subject matter therein, rendering the rejection of claims 12, 61 and 72 moot. Applicant has amended claims 1, 7, 8, 67 and 68 to correct and clarify; in light of these amendments, Applicant respectfully requests that

the Examiner withdraw the rejection of claims 1-5, 7-11, 20-24, 26, 62-65, 67-71, 80-83, 118 and 120.

Drawings

The drawings are objected to under 37 CFR 1.83(a) for not showing every feature of the invention specified in the claims. The “ring holder” located in the *storage compartment* (20) must be shown or the feature(s) canceled from the claim(s). Applicant has canceled pending claims 12 and 72 wherein the ring holder was defined as being located in the storage compartment and respectfully requests that the Examiner withdraw the objection to the drawings.

§102 Rejection

Claims 1-3, 5, 22, 61-63, 65 and 82 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Leighty (U.S. Patent No. 1,133,866). Applicant has canceled claim 61 rendering the rejection of claim 61 moot. Applicant traverses the rejection of claims 1-3, 5, 22, 62, 63, 65 and 82, asserting that Leighty neither teaches nor suggests every element and limitation of claims 1-3, 5, 22, 62, 63, 65 and 82.

With respect to claims 1-3, 5 and 22 of the present application, independent claim 1 defines an organizer including, *inter alia*, at least one pole extending from an interior side of a first wall of one of a pair of doors; and wherein the first wall is substantially parallel to a back wall of the organizer when the door is in a closed position. The Examiner has likened element 20 of Leighty to a pole as claimed in the present application, but Applicant argues that element 20, defined by Leighty to be a hook, cannot be likened to the claimed poles since a hook is structurally different from a pole, the hook being curved or sharply bent. If Applicant had intended for the at least one pole to be likened to a hook, Applicant would have used the terms hook and pole interchangeably; rather Applicant has presented other distinct elements as hooks in the present application, for example the plurality of hooks 31, shown protruding from necklace bar 30 in Figure 2, and further included in pending claims 4 and 64.

In any case, even if a hook is likened to a pole, the side wall 15 of Leighty, being provided with the hooks 20, does not correspond to the first wall of claim 1 of the present application from which the at least one pole is said to extend. The first walls of the pair of doors are specifically defined by claim 1 as being substantially parallel to the back wall of the organizer when the doors are in the closed position; thus, each first wall of claim 1 generally corresponds to the front wall 16 of Leighty, and Leighty does not teach or suggest any type of structure extending from an interior surface of the front wall 16.

With respect to claims 62, 63, 65 and 82, Applicant has amended these claims to be dependent upon claim 68, which the Examiner has deemed to be allowable.

In light of the argument presented above, and the amendments to claims 62, 63, 65 and 82, Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner withdraw the rejection of claims 1-3, 5, 22, 62, 63, 65 and 82.

Claims 1-3, 5, 12, 24, 61-63, 65 and 72 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by British publication 2,345,630 (known hereafter as GB '630). Applicant has canceled claims 12, 61 and 72, without prejudice or disclaimer of the subject matter therein, rendering the rejection of these claims moot. Applicant traverses the rejection of claims 1-3, 5, 24, 62, 63 and 65, asserting that GB '630 neither teaches nor suggests every element and limitation of claims 1-3, 5, 24, 62, 63 and 65.

With respect to claims 1-3, 5 and 24 of the present application, independent claim 1 defines an organizer including, *inter alia*, at least one pole, the at least one pole including a free end and extending from an interior side of a first wall of one of a pair of doors to the free end. The Examiner has pointed out pole elements above each shelf 26 of GB '630, but these elements do not include or extend to free ends.

With respect to claims 62, 63 and 65, Applicant has amended these claims to be dependent upon claim 68, which the Examiner has deemed to be allowable.

In light of the argument presented above, and the amendments to claims 62, 63 and 65, Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner withdraw the rejection of claims 1-3, 5, 24, 62, 63 and 65.

Claims 1-3, 5, 12, 22-24, 26, 61-63, 65, 72, 82-83, 118 and 120 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Daetweiler et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,857,519). Applicant has canceled claims 12, 61 and 72, without prejudice or disclaimer of the subject matter therein, rendering the rejection of these claims moot. Applicant traverses the rejection of claims 1-3, 5, 22-24, 26, 62, 63, 65, 82-83, 118 and 120, asserting that Daetweiler et al. neither teach nor suggest every element and limitation of claims 1-3, 5, 22-24, 26, 62, 63, 65, 82-83, 118 and 120.

With respect to claims 1-3, 5, 22-24, 26 and 118, independent claim 1 defines an organizer including, *inter alia*, at least one pole extending from an interior side of a first wall of one of a pair of doors that is pivotally coupled to a back wall of the organizer, and wherein the door further has a second wall perpendicular to the first wall and, in a closed position, the first wall is substantially parallel with the back wall. The Examiner has likened the pole of claim 1 to either element 164 of Daetweiler et al. or to elements of a booklet page 162 from which earrings are shown to hang in Figure 3 of Daetweiler et al.; however, neither of these elements cited by the Examiner are shown or described by Daetweiler et al. to extend from an interior surface of a front face 150 of either of doors 140, the front face 150 generally corresponding to the first wall as defined by claim 1.

With respect to claims 62, 63, 65, 82-83 and 120, Applicant has amended these claims to be dependent upon claim 68, which the Examiner has deemed to be allowable.

In light of the argument presented above, and the amendments to claims 62, 63, 65, 82-83 and 120, Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner withdraw the rejections of claims 1-3, 5, 22-24, 26, 62, 63, 65, 82-83, 118 and 120.

§103 Rejection

Claims 4 and 64 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Leighty in view of Wise (U.S. Patent No. 2,582,812). Claims 4 and 64 also stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Daetweiler et al. in view of Wise (U.S. Patent No. 2,582,812).

Applicant traverses the rejections of claim 4, based on the arguments present above, with respect to Leighty and Daetweiler et al., for independent claim 1, and respectfully requests that the Examiner withdraw the rejections of claim 4.

Applicant traverses the rejections of claim 64, based on the amendment to claim 64, which makes claim 64 dependent upon allowable claim 68, and respectfully requests that the Examiner withdraw the rejections of claim 64.

Claims 7 and 67 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over GB '630 in view of Lewis (U.S. Patent No. 1,600,830). Claims 7 and 67 also stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Daetweiler et al. in view of Lewis (U.S. Patent No. 1,600,830).

Applicant traverses the rejections of claim 7 based on the arguments presented above, with respect to GB '630 and Daetweiler et al., for independent claim 1, and respectfully requests that the Examiner withdraw the rejections of claim 7.

Applicant traverses the rejections of claim 67 based on the amendment to claim 67, which makes claim 67 dependent upon allowable claim 68, and respectfully requests that the Examiner withdraw the rejections of claim 67.

Claim 9-11, 20, 21, 69-71, 80 and 81 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over GB '630 in view of Kuddes (U.S. Patent No. 2,739,697). Claim 9-11, 20, 21, 69-71, 80 and 81 also stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Daetweiler in view of Kuddes (U.S. Patent No. 2,739,697).

Applicant traverses the rejections of claims 9-11, 20 and 21, based on the arguments presented above, with respect to GB '630 and Daetweiler et al., for independent claim 1, and respectfully requests that the Examiner withdraw the rejections of claims 9-11, 20 and 21.

Applicant traverses the rejections of claims 69-71, 80 and 81, based on the amendment to claims 69-71, 80 and 81, which makes claims 69-71, 80 and 81 dependent upon allowable claim 68, and respectfully requests that the Examiner withdraw the rejections of claims 69-71, 80 and 81.

Allowable Subject Matter

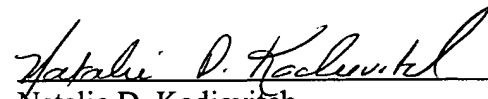
Claims 8 and 68 would be allowable if rewritten to overcome the rejection(s) under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, set forth in this Office Action and to include all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Applicant has amended claim 8 to overcome the rejection under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph. Applicant has amended claim 68 to overcome the rejection under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, and to include all of the elements and limitations of the base claim and any intervening claim. Applicant asserts that the amendment of claim 68 does not narrow the scope of claim 68 from that originally intended at the time of filing.

In view of the foregoing, it is submitted that this application is in condition for allowance. Favorable consideration and prompt allowance of the application are respectfully requested. Applicant believes no fee is due to enter the present Amendment. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional filing fees required to Deposit Account No. 061910. The Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned if the Examiner believes it would be useful to advance prosecution.

Respectfully submitted,

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